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SUBJECT: COMMODITIES FOR LEBANON NARCOTIC PROGRAM

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1. DCM AND SEVERAL MEMBERS EMBASSY NARCOTIC COMMITTEE HAVE REVIEWED CURRENT STATUS LEBANON NARCOTIC PROGRAM WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON ACTIONS AND DECISION STILL TO BE TAKEN TO COMPLETE PROCUREMENT UNDER CURRENT GRANT AGREEMENT.

2. KEY QUESTION OBVIOUSLY THAT OF PROVIDING ONE BASE STATION AND SEVEN MOBILE UNITS TO CUSTOMS. AFTER CAREFUL REVIW ALL FACTORS INCLUDING (A) USE CUSTOMS COULD MAKE OF THIS EQUIPMENT, (B) PROBLEMS USE OF THIS EQUIPMENT FOR OTHER THAN NARCOTICS PURPOSES MIGHT RAISE UNDER SECTION 112 OF FAA 1974 AND (C) NEED TO SEEK MORE FUNDS IF EQUIPMENT IS TO BE PROCURED, GROUP CONCLUDED SUBJECT SHOULD BE QUIETLY DROPPED.

3. REVIEW OF MATERIAL IN FILES INDICATES NO COMMITMENT OR EVEN FORMAL OFFER HAS BEEN MADE TO CUSTOMS FOR COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT. IF SUBJECT IS RAISED WOULD PROPOSE TELL CUSTOMS COMBINATION LACK OF FUNDS AND NEW RESTRICTIVE LEGISLATION MAKES PROCUREMENT IMPOSSIBLE.

4. GOL MAY, AT SOME POINT, WISH TO DISCUSS WHETHER OR NOT ENTIRE GRANT AMOUNT HAS BEEN UTILIZED AND MAY SUGGEST
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SOME ADDITIONAL PROCUREMENT TO USE BALANCE. AS BACKGROUND

ANY SUCH DISCUSSION REQUEST AID/W ADVISE AMOUNT UNOBLIGATED
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